

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 19 to 22 as follows (the changes in these claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims is listed below with proper claim identifiers.

1. (Original) An apparatus for covering a glucose meter, wherein the glucose meter has a front surface opposed to a back surface, and an edge surface connecting the front surface to the back surface, the apparatus comprising:
 - a frame adapted to receive the glucose meter, wherein the frame is adapted to surround a substantial portion of the edge surface, and wherein the frame forms an opening for viewing at least a portion of the front surface of the glucose meter; and
 - at least one attachment member connected with the frame, wherein the attachment member is adapted to removably connect the frame with the glucose meter.
2. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising an interchangeable faceplate removably connected with the frame and received by the opening in the frame.
3. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the interchangeable faceplate forms a window for viewing a screen located on the front surface.
4. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the glucose meter includes a slot for receiving a disposable cartridge located on the edge surface, and wherein the frame surrounds the slot.
5. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the frame does not cover a substantial portion of the back surface.

6. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the frame contacts only a small portion of the back surface in order to allow the frame to be more readily removed from the glucose meter.
7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the edge surface comprises a first side surface opposed to a second side surface, and a top surface opposed to a bottom surface, and wherein the frame contacts at least a portion of the first side surface, the second side surface, the top surface, and the bottom surface.
8. (Original) An apparatus for covering a glucose meter, wherein the glucose meter has a front surface opposed to a back surface, and an edge surface connecting the front surface to the back surface, wherein the front surface includes a screen for viewing information, the apparatus comprising:
 - a frame adapted to receive the glucose meter, wherein the frame is adapted to cover a substantial portion of the front surface and a small portion of the back surface; and
 - at least one attachment member connected with the frame, wherein the attachment member is adapted to removably connect the frame with the glucose meter.
9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the frame forms a window for viewing a screen located on the front surface.
10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8 further comprising a gripping member connected with the frame.
11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the gripping member is integrally formed with the frame.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the attachment member is integrally formed with the frame.
13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8 further comprising a second attachment member connected with the frame, wherein the second attachment member is adapted to removably connect the frame with the glucose meter.
14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the edge surface comprises a first side surface opposed to a second side surface, and a top surface opposed to a bottom surface, and wherein the frame contacts at least a portion of the first side surface, the second side surface, the top surface, and the bottom surface.
15. (Original) A glucose meter, wherein the glucose meter has a front surface opposed to a back surface, and an edge surface connecting the front surface to the back surface, the glucose meter comprising:
 - a screen located on the front surface for viewing information; and
 - a cover removably connected with the glucose meter, the cover including a frame adapted to receive the glucose meter, wherein the frame is adapted to surround a portion of the edge surface, and at least one attachment member connected with the frame, wherein the attachment member is adapted to removably connect the frame with the glucose meter, and wherein the attachment member contacts a small portion of the back surface.
16. (Original) The glucose meter of Claim 15, wherein the frame forms a window for viewing a screen located on the front surface.
17. (Original) The glucose meter of Claim 15, wherein the edge surface comprises a first side surface opposed to a second side surface, and a top surface opposed to a bottom surface, and wherein the frame contacts at least a portion of the first side surface, the second side surface, the top surface, and the bottom surface.

18. (Original) The glucose meter of Claim 15, further comprising an interchangeable faceplate removably connected with the frame and received by an opening in the frame.
19. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ glucose meter of Claim ~~15~~ 18, wherein the interchangeable faceplate forms a window for viewing a screen located on the front surface.
20. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ glucose meter of Claim ~~15~~ 18, wherein the interchangeable faceplate includes a stylized design on a portion of the faceplate.
21. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ glucose meter of Claim 15, wherein the frame does not cover a substantial portion of the back surface.
22. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing disposable cartridges for a glucose meter, the method comprising the step of packaging the apparatus of Claim 1 an apparatus for covering the glucose meter with at least one disposable cartridge, wherein the glucose meter has a front surface opposed to a back surface, and an edge surface connecting the front surface to the back surface, the apparatus comprising:
 - a frame adapted to receive the glucose meter, wherein the frame is adapted to surround a substantial portion of the edge surface, and wherein the frame forms an opening for viewing at least a portion of the front surface of the glucose meter; and
 - at least one attachment member connected with the frame, wherein the attachment member is adapted to removably connect the frame with the glucose meter.

Please add new claims 23-31 as follows:

23. (New) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the glucose meter has an impact resistance, and wherein the frame is configured so as to increase the impact resistance when connected to the glucose meter.
24. (New) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the glucose meter has a grip factor, and wherein the frame is configured so as to frictionally increase the grip factor when connected to the glucose meter.
25. (New) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the glucose meter has a coloration, and wherein the frame is configured so as to increase visual perceptibility of the coloration when connected to the glucose meter.
26. (New) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the glucose meter has an impact resistance, and wherein the frame is configured so as to increase the impact resistance when connected to the glucose meter.
27. (New) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the glucose meter has a grip factor, and wherein the frame is configured so as to frictionally increase the grip factor when connected to the glucose meter.
28. (New) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein the glucose meter has a coloration, and wherein the frame is configured so as to increase visual perceptibility of the coloration when connected to the glucose meter.
29. (New) The glucose meter of Claim 15, wherein the glucose meter has an impact resistance, and wherein the cover is configured so as to increase the impact resistance when connected to the glucose meter.

30. (New) The glucose meter of Claim 15, wherein the glucose meter has a grip factor, and wherein the cover is configured so as to frictionally increase the grip factor when connected to the glucose meter.
31. (New) The glucose meter of Claim 15, wherein the glucose meter has a coloration, and wherein the cover is configured so as to increase visual perceptibility of the coloration when connected to the glucose meter.